

**CHAPTER NO. 275**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1231**

**By Haynes**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 972

By Sherry Jones

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-187, relative to certain pilot projects.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-187(a), is amended by deleting it in its entirety and by substituting the following new subsection (a):

(a) The Commissioner of Health shall enter into a grant agreement for a pilot project with Senior Citizens, Inc., involving managed home- and community-based long-term care services for elderly citizens. The pilot project shall be based in a major urban county with a metropolitan form of government and a contiguous suburban county. The project shall provide services to two hundred (200) elderly citizens annually to enable them to continue living in their homes. It shall seek to demonstrate the degree to which managed home- and community-based long-term care services for elderly citizens is successful in preventing the costs associated with nursing facility placement. Participants will be evaluated for participation in the pilot based on medical criteria that are linked to risk factors for nursing facility placement. Medical and financial eligibility criteria shall be developed by the Department of Health. The population served shall be lower income citizens. The project shall seek to determine the range, scope, duration, and intensity of services required by elderly citizens so that the project could be replicated on a statewide basis. The commissioner shall evaluate the project on an ongoing basis. There shall be a report on the cost of the project in relation to other forms of care. Such report shall address costs at the beginning, during, and at the end of the project. At appropriate times, the commissioner shall report the results of this evaluation to the Senate General Welfare Committee and House Health and Human Services Committee.

SECTION 2 This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 19, 1999

  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 26th day of May 1999

  
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